



Finding Jewish Records from the Czech National Archives

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National Archives of the Czech Republic


The Jewish records formerly found at badatelna.eu or badatelna.cz have moved to Archivní Vademecum: <https://vademecum.nacr.cz>

Jewish Collections Held by the National Archives:

- Digitized books online:
 - **Matriky židovských náboženských obcí** (fond 167) = birth, marriage, and death registries of Jewish religious communities
 - **Židovská komise Praha** (fond 190) = Jewish Commission of Prague
 - includes handwritten index to marriage permissions
 - original permission books are held at the National Archives but are not yet digitized
 - **Židovské kontrolní matriky** (fond 144) = Jewish registers kept by Roman Catholic parishes in Bohemia (those from Moravia have not survived)
 - **Knihy židovských familianů** (fond 29) = Jewish familiant books
- Not yet digitized:
 - **Soupisy židů Praha** (fond 191) = census lists of Jews in Prague in 1724, 1783, 1793, 1799, and 1811.
 - **Rada židovských náboženských obcí** (fond 161) = Council of Jewish religious communities
 - **Registratura zemského židovstva** (fond 164) = Registry of Provincial Jews
 - **Ředitelství židovských berní** (fond 143) = Jewish Tax Directorate

How to search for records on Vademecum

Go to vademecum.nacr.cz

1. Change the language to **English** at the top corner.
2. Select the red button labeled **Pomůcky v elektronické podobě**.
3. Under the tab labeled **výběr** on the right, toggle **specific selection of archival fonds** to green.
4. Start typing the name of the fond you want in **Name of Fond** or put the fond number in the field labeled **NAD sheet No.**
5. Select the fond you want from the dropdown menu and click the magnifying glass at the bottom to search.
6. Click on the name of the fond on the left-hand side. (If it displays 0 results then there are no digitized books available yet).
7. Click on **Listování v pomůcce** to view the towns included in that collection.
 - If you do not see the attachment symbol by the book titles, click the list icon  (hovering over this icon shows a label of **zobrazit seznam**)
 - This should open up all the books available with digital images.
8. Select the book you need. If you click on the title of the book, it will take you to a page with the image of the first page and details like the villages that are included. Click on the image to open the book.
9. Alternatively, you can click on the attachment symbol (paper clip) to go straight to the book.